



*District 4
Year Elected: 1998,
2008, 2014
Serves through: 2020
Republican,
Clarkesville*

Lauren “Bubba” McDonald

Lauren “Bubba” McDonald was appointed to the Commission in June 1998 by Governor Zell Miller to fill a vacated post and then re-elected in a special mid-term election in November 1998. He held the seat until 2002. In 2008 and in 2014, Georgians again elected McDonald to serve on the Commission. Previously he served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 20 years from 1971-1991.

McDonald has a deep knowledge of the energy industry. Today he is a member of NARUC’s Electric Committee where he is Vice-Chair of the Nuclear Waste Subcommittee.

McDonald has spent decades serving the residents of Georgia. As a State Representative, he chaired the Industry Committee for five years and the powerful Appropriations Committee for eight years. Prior to his legislative service, he was on the Jackson Board Of Commissioners, served on the Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, and volunteered as a firefighter for the city of Commerce for 35 years.

A native of Commerce who now resides in Clarkesville, McDonald is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. He has long been a supporter of higher education, serving on the Board of Governors of Mercer Medical College and the Board of the Advanced Technology Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was also a director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Georgia. He also served six years in the Georgia Air National Guard.

McDonald has lived his entire life within District Four of the Commission. Currently, he is a partner in L.W. McDonald & Son Funeral Home in Cumming, with his son, Lauren III. He is married to Shelley McDonald. He was married to the late Sunny Nivens McDonald for 45 years. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a private pilot, and an avid golfer



*District 5
Year Elected: 2018
Serves through: 2024
Republican, Marietta*

Tricia Pridemore

Tricia Pridemore was appointed to the Commission by Governor Nathan Deal in 2018. She is a businesswoman with a background in technology, consulting and workforce development. Since the acquisition of Accucast, the software company she founded with her husband in 2006, she served on the Georgia World Congress Center Board of Governors, the 2011 Transition team of Governor Deal and co-chaired both of Governor Deal’s Inaugural Committees in 2011 and 2015.

Pridemore formerly served as the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Workforce Development and started Georgia’s skilled trade initiative aimed at encouraging careers in the energy, transportation and construction trades. Pridemore was a candidate for the United States House of Representatives in Georgia’s 11th Congressional District and a member of the Cobb Galleria Authority Board of Governors.

Pridemore earned a bachelor’s degree from Kennesaw State University. She and her high school sweetheart turned husband, Michael, reside in Marietta, Georgia and are members of Mount Paran Church in Atlanta.

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*District 3
Year Elected: 2006,
2012, 2018
Serves through: 2024
Republican, Atlanta*

Chuck Eaton

Chuck Eaton was elected to his first term on the Public Service Commission in December of 2006 and reelected in 2012. He was one of only two statewide Republican candidates in the entire country to beat an incumbent during the 2006 election year. He was elected Chairman in 2012 and then re-elected to a second two year term in 2014. Before serving on the Commission, he worked in real estate sales. Prior to moving to Atlanta, he was an Account Executive for a packaging manufacturer in LaGrange, Georgia. Commissioner Eaton has an Accounting Degree from the University of Alabama and a Law Degree from Georgia State University.

He is the past President of the Buckhead Forest Civic Association. Chuck was also a representative to the Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Unit "B" - a citizen group which makes recommendations on zoning, land use, public safety and community issues. In Troup County he served on the Board of Directors for Troup Haven House - a children's shelter.

Commissioner Eaton has been involved in the political process for a long time. In 1992, he served as Congressman Phil Crane's Deputy Campaign Manager. In Troup County he successfully managed multiple campaigns for former Representative Jeff Brown. He is a graduate of the Coverdell Leadership Institute - a statewide organization founded by late U.S. Senator Paul D. Coverdell to strengthen leadership and political skills.

Due to the judicial nature of the PSC, he graduated from the Georgia State University School of Law in 2012, in order to gain a better understanding of regulatory and administrative law proceedings in Georgia. He is admitted to practice law in Georgia. He attended night classes and paid for this education out of his own pocket.

He lives in Atlanta with his wife Erika, their daughter Lydia and their two rescued dogs. The Eaton's are members of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.



*District 2
Year Elected: 2010,
2016
Serves through:
2022
Republican,
Hoschton*

Tim Echols

Tim Echols was elected to the Public Service Commission in the general election of November 2010 after spending 15 years in the non-profit sector. Echols founded "TeenPact" and grew the mock legislative youth program to 38 states in his tenure. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

Tim has tried to lead by example. He added solar hot water heating to their Athens home just before being sworn-in and drove a natural gas car, an electric car and propane van. Tim created the Clean Energy Roadshow that travels Georgia helping cities, businesses and consumers evaluate alternative fuels and see if it will work for them.

Tim's priority is helping Georgia be prepared for rising energy prices for diversifying the way our electricity is generated. He has helped secure record amounts of solar and wind for Georgia--without a subsidy. He advocates for more nuclear power and advocates for recycling of nuclear waste.

Tim Echols grew up in the south metro Atlanta area in an entrepreneurial family. The Echols owned a car auction, dairy farm, and house moving business. Tim attended North Clayton High School, and owned his own car clean-up shop, housed in the family auction barn. In 1978, Tim went to Athens to attend the University of Georgia where he served on the Freshman Council and then Baptist Student Union President. He and his wife Windy Davis were married shortly after Tim graduated in 1982 with a degree in English, and Windy went on to graduate with a teaching degree from Georgia State.

Tim is the author of "Real Citizenship," available on Amazon.com, a primer on citizenship. Windy and Tim have seven children and live in Jefferson, near Athens. Tim has a Bachelor of Arts and two Masters degrees from the University of Georgia. Reach him on Twitter and Instagram @timechols, Facebook and Snapchat @timgechols.



*District 1
Year Appointed:
2018
Serves through: 2020
Republican, Lakeland*

Jason Shaw

James S. "Jason" Shaw Jr., a native of Lanier County, was appointed to the Public Service Commission by Governor Nathan Deal and was sworn in on January 3, 2019.

Commissioner Shaw lives on a farm near Lakeland with his wife Katy Miller Shaw, from Valdosta, and their children, Anne Harvey and Slaton Shaw. Commissioner Shaw is the owner of Shaw Insurance Services Inc. and a Partner of Georgia Olive Farms Inc., both of Lakeland. He and his family are members of Unity United Methodist Church where he serves as Finance Chairman.

Commissioner Shaw earned a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Georgia and is also a graduate of the Leadership Georgia class of 2004, the Leadership Lanier class of 2003, and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership class of 2000. In 2011, he was recognized by Georgia Trend magazine's "40 under 40" list of young Georgia leaders in business and government. He served as the Lanier County Lions Club President in 2001 and as the Lakeland/Lanier County Chamber of Commerce President in 2006. He is also a past director of the Greater Valdosta Area United Way and a past Trustee of the Valdosta Technical College Foundation.

Commissioner Shaw represented Atkinson, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties for four terms. In the Georgia General Assembly he served four years as Chairman of the Georgia Legislative Rural Caucus, a bipartisan group that takes a leading role in issues and legislation that impact the state's rural communities. He also served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Transportation Committee, Chairman of the House Industry and Labor Committee. Commissioner Shaw enjoys spending time with his wife and children. He also enjoys outdoor activities, including: hunting, fishing, and golfing.